



2025 Brass Monkey

Thank you to Jacqui & Peter Cowman



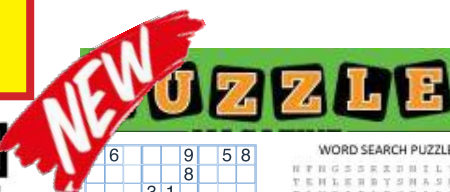
Wonderful weekend away with our club on our annual Brass Monkey



THE TURKANA CHALLENGE BITES!



THE ODYSSEIAN



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Good morning, good afternoon and good evening - How am I supposed to know when you are reading this?

Well, we are past the halfway mark of 2025 already and two of our big club events are under the belt and behind us. Can you believe it? Most recently, our annual Brass Monkey and it certainly did not disappoint. I am sure all who attended had a wonderful time - I know we did. From what initially was predicted to be cold and wet, it turned into a glorious weekend and I don't think we could have asked for better weather. It was cold for sure, but sunny and warm(ish) during the days. The evenings however were somewhere between 4 and 6 degrees I think. Well, it's not called the Brass Monkey for nothing...



It was great to see Rob, Isabella and "Sample" (AKA Tiaan) at our July social/general meeting after a lengthy absence and it was also good having the Young's at the Brass. And as is Rob's way, he got right back into it giving me uphill - this time about our table winning at the quiz on Saturday evening, but that's a story for another day - thanks for the chuckles Rob. Last but not least, thanks to all who attended the 2025 Brass and a big thank you to Peter & Jacqui Cowman for all your hard work setting it up and making sure everything ran smoothly. Much appreciated guys.

Our rides (or should I say drives) continue as always, but we only had one in the month of July, as the Brass was on one of our ride weekends. On that point, I had a chat with one of our newish members at the Brass and asked how he felt about the club now that he has been a member for a while (feedback is important to me). He said that he has no real issues and is happy with our club, except, "he just wishes that we rode more". Hang in there chap - dryer and warmer weather is approaching, so I expect there will be more bikes on our runs again soon. We will most likely start doing longer runs too again as the weather improves. It's all in the hands of our very capable ride coordinators.

Speaking of committee members... Folks, the year is going by rather quickly and before you know it, we will be looking for replacement committee members again. Please give this some serious consideration. Technically, our constitution states that we can only stand on the committee for two consecutive years. I have been on the committee for six (in my seventh) years. Granted, it has been in various positions and there was a break between a couple of them, but still. Susan (for example) has been Treasurer for five years already. It's not fair that the same people always need to do all the work (and it's not that much work really), plus it's "unconstitutional". In addition, the point of setting up the constitution that way was to ensure there is no empire building and no permanent "boss". Please give it some thought. I especially appeal to our new members, as it's always good to have fresh input.

Keep well folks and see you on the next run.

Devin



OUR OBJECTIVES AS A STRONG CLUB

To help aging bikers to stay active, alive and well.
To encourage others who look like they could be getting old to stop it and to do things to enjoy life, preferably on bikes. To encourage members to keep on biking or to enjoy biking activities. To foster an interest in motorcycles and to promote unity amongst bikers. To encourage and support all forms of road and off-road biking activities. To enhance relationships between bikers and those less fortunate. To organize social biking events

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Hope you have a long and
enjoyable stay with
Odysseus Motorcycle Club
Western Cape

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Our regular contributor
Steven Bentley



SPRINGBOK *Fixtures*

SOUTH AFRICA

Sat, 28 Jun 25 - 17:10
DHL Stadium
Cape Town

BARBARIANS

SOUTH AFRICA

Sat, 5 Jul 25 - 17:10
Loftus Versfeld
Pretoria

ITALY

SOUTH AFRICA

Sat, 12 Jul 25 - 17:10
Nelson Mandela Bay
Stadium, Oorlamia

ITALY

SOUTH AFRICA

Sat, 19 Jul 24 - 17:10
Mbombela Stadium,
Nelspruit

GEORGIA

SOUTH AFRICA

Sat, 16 Aug 25 - 17:10
Ellis Park,
Johannesburg

AUSTRALIA

SOUTH AFRICA

Sat, 23 Aug 25 - 17:10
DHL Stadium
Cape Town

AUSTRALIA

SOUTH AFRICA

Sat, 6 Sep 25 - 09:05
Eden Park,
Auckland

NEW ZEALAND

SOUTH AFRICA

Sat, 13 Sep 25 - 09:05
Sky Stadium,
Wellington

NEW ZEALAND

SOUTH AFRICA

Sat, 27 Sep 25 - 17:10
Hollywoodbets Kings
Park, Durban

ARGENTINA

SOUTH AFRICA

Sat, 4 Oct 25 - 15:00
Twickenham,
England

ARGENTINA

SOUTH AFRICA

Sun, 8 Nov 25 - 22:10
Stade de France
Stadium

FRANCE

SOUTH AFRICA

Sat, 15 Nov 25 - 14:40
Allianz Arena
Turin

ITALY

SOUTH AFRICA

Sat, 22 Nov 25 - 19:40
Aviva Stadium,
TBC

IRELAND

SOUTH AFRICA

Sat, 29 Nov 25 - 19:40
Principality Stadium,
TBC

Wales

Sean & Jackie

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INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY GROUP

General MEETING

HELD ON
26 June 2025
AT PBC @ 19H30

INVITEES:

All Members

WELCOME:

Visitor Dave (friend of Rob Bareham, rides a Harley)

APPOLOGIES:

Cyril, Michele, Freda.

MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES: None

PREVIOUS MINUTES ACCEPTANCE:

Phillip Kaplan, Graham Aldis.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Heath resigned.

MEMBERSHIP:

Sandra Hayes is now a member, Maria Corney has 1 more meeting for membership. Health status of Dave Sumner- diagnosed with low sodium, now back home with a career.

FINANCE:

THE ODYSSEIAN:

None.

LUCKY DRAW:

Phillip Kaplan won both cards, donated to charity.

SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY:

Fallen Angels- have a charity shop for donation of pre-loved items. Vet costs and tick/flea treatment costs to be considered.

REGALIA:

10 new large and 10 new small patches for sale.

BIRTHDAYS:

Aug 4th-Tiki Rossouw, 10th-Colin Pike, 11th-Rob Todd, 12th-Peter Gibbons, 15th-freda Dodd, 26th- Bruce Noy.

PAST RIDES:

13.07.2025 – Peppa Jacks – Durbanville, arranged by Peter. 19 people, 13 members, 5 visitors. Food & service very good, prices reasonable, future venue for summer. Afterwards at Devin's to watch Moto GP.

PAST EVENTS:

FUTURE RIDES:

10.08.2025 - Bell, Wellington (Dave). Orders off the menu which will be sent out. Route via Malmesbury & R45.

31.08.2025 - Fisherhaven (Phillip). Details to follow.

14.09.2025 – Freedom 301, to be arranged by Iain. Booking for +/- 20 people.

28.09.2025 – Darling Cellars, to be arranged by Devin. Breakfast + free wine.

12.10.2025 - Charity Ride to Fallen Angels- (Peter) - Followed by lunch at That Greek Place, Yzerfontein.

25.10.2025- (Saturday) Lunch @ Im Eimer (Somerset West) followed by M.O.T.H. day jol @ Squirrel's Inn, Strand.

09.11.2025 – TBA. (Hans Jooste to arrange a run to Napier).

30.11.2025 – Toy Run - volunteers needed to act as marshals. Same as last year, groups of 100-150 bikes.

11.01.2026 – Sunset Run – Krystal Beach Hotel, Harbour Island, Gordon's Bay

25.01.2026 – Memorial Run- suggested venue Simonstown Country Club. Dick de Kroon suggested Hout Bay Yacht Club and supply details.

FUTURE EVENTS:

27.07.2025- Brass Monkey- (Peter & Jacqui).

12.10.2025 - Fallen Angels Animal Charity- location still to be determined

25.10.2025 – M.O.T.H Day Jol Strand

06.12.2025 – Christmas function. To be held at Killarney. Proposed to form a sub-committee of volunteers; Ellanore and Lizl agree to assist. Peter Goodacre has been booked to provide music.

GENERAL:

Alan at Pinelands Bowling Club selling bike jacket, size Large, R900.

Visitor Dave (member of Koeberg Dirt Band), offers services for music at Toy Run. See them playing at Cafe Roux 13th August.

NEXT MEETING: 28.08.2025. - **GENERAL MEETING CLOSED AT:** 20.22pm



OUR COMMITTEE



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MONEY MATTERS FINANCIAL REPORT

CLUB BANKING DETAILS: BANK:ABSA, ACC Name: Odysseus Western Cape

Odysseus Financial Report @ 26 June 2025

Savings Account Account: 9263536308 Branch Code: 632005

August BIRTHDAYS

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Diary 2025

General Meetings:

28 August 2025
25 September 2025
23 October 2025
27 Nov 2025

Year End:
6 Dec 2025



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11.01.26
Sunset Run
Krystal Beach GB

25.01.26
Memorial Run

SWARTLAND SLEEPOVER
2 August 2025

Moorreesburg Showgrounds
ONE NIGHT ONLY
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Kaskar races • Live entertainment • Kalla Henn
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Badge: R20
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Save the Date
All day Cruise
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Project Flamingo

Sat Oct 25, 2025

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Burnouts & Washouts
Where: Sir Garnet Hotel, 16 Solomon st,
Wolseley

EVENTS

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Big Hole Caravan Park Kimberley
Keep Your eyes peeled for the Opening of Pre-entries!



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MORE INFO TO FOLLOW



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7/8 November 2025 at Bike Forge!

DE GROOTVOËL RALLY
28 - 30 NOVEMBER 2025
VENUE: CANGO MOUNTAIN RESORT OUDTSHOORN
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Bikers Heart Riders
De GrootVoël Rally 2025
PRESENTS
Save the date!!!
28 - 30 Nov 2025
Venue: Cango Mountain Resort, Oudtshoorn
Same venue as last year 😊



Date: 28 – 30 November
Venue: Cango Mountain Resort, Oudtshoorn

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Before 31 July = 3 lucky draw tickets
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From 1 October entry fee is R350pp = 1 ticket

Main prizes 3 motorbikes

R150 pppd for day visitors
Kids under 12 yrs = FREE
Kids 13 – 17 yrs @ R150pp for the weekend

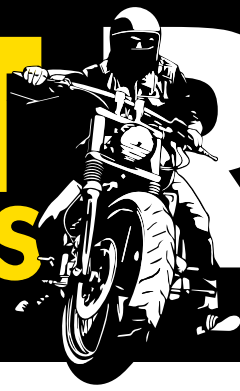
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Slow race

For more info contact
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LAST MONTHS RIDES



Peppa Jack Durbanville 13 July 25

We set off from N1 City at 10 am with relatively good weather on 4 bikes and 1 car. The route was supposed to be via Malanshoogte Road to Contermanskloof, which I had previously checked to see that it was fully tarred.

Google was wrong!!! Fortunately, Rodney was there to advise that he had been on the road the previous day and there was still 2 kms of dirt road.

Thank you Rodney you saved us having to back track. We detoured via the Adderley road without any hassle and arrived before time. The rest of the group turned up at the venue making a total of 19 people of which 13 were members, 1 prospect member and 5 visitors.

Peppa Jacks was already open and we were able warm up and go inside. This was our first time to go this restaurant which we found to be inviting and hospitable. The food was good and prices reasonable, another ride there in the summer, sitting under the outside shade, is certainly on the cards.

As usual a group of us went back the Devin and Susan's place to watch the Motor GP and sip some more wine.

Thank you D&S for your always great hospitality.

Peter C



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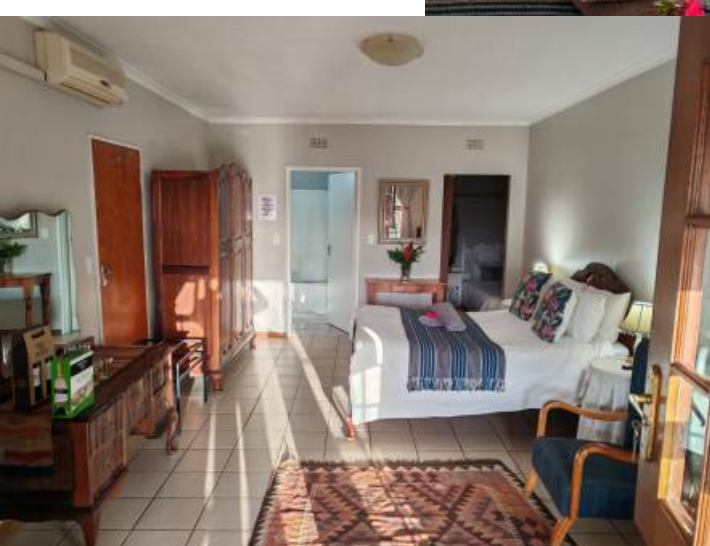
Brass 2025 Nuy Valley



As winter comes around every year our thoughts turn to another Brass Monkey weekend. We decided to return to one of our favorite venues from the past, Nuy Valley Guesthouse. As the weather tends to be pleasant this time of year inland we decided to organise a Chaos Run as part of the weekend festivities. This route would take participants (all in their cars this year) through the spectacular mountain scenery of the Hex River Valley, an area not previously explored by many of the guests.

We arrived early to a beautiful summer day in order to set things up and get the weekend started.

The OB's was ready to welcome guests arriving shortly after 2pm. Eventually, all guests arrived and checked into their rooms.



Brass 2025 Nuy Valley



Soon the stoep was full of members enjoying a drink and a get-together meeting up with old friends. The music system was set-up in the dining room, the bar opened at 6pm and everyone arrived to get the party started. The club had sponsored wine to accompany the delicious food served from the buffet. Dancing and merriment followed shortly after, and into the wee small hours for some of us. Although the evening was cold outside, the open log fire inside kept us warm.



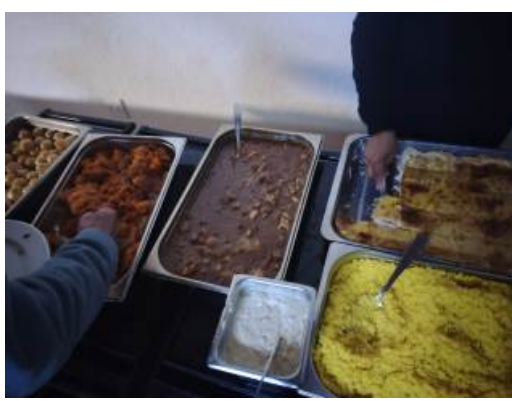
After a good night's sleep and a hearty breakfast, we were ready for the scheduled Chaos Run. Participants set off at 2 minute intervals for a mystery tour around the mountains of the Hex Valley, seeking the answers to clues along the route. At the end everyone was to meet up to hand in their completed questionnaires at Nuy-o- the- Hill restaurant. Many of the members had not visited this restaurant and were delighted with the location and views, good food and service, not to mention the extremely affordable good wines. Thank you to Iain and Errol for marshalling at the halfway point.

Afterwards it was time for a "Pop Quiz", challenging people's knowledge of music from movies and TV as well as the pop music world. Unfortunately some technical difficulties were encountered, but thanks to Devin's phone we eventually succeeded in finishing the challenge. After that it was time for prize- giving for the 2 competitions. For the Chaos Run, it was a close call; Rodney and Annette narrowly beat Devin, Susan and Maria for first prize. Everybody did exceptionally well in the competition and seemed to have enjoyed the whole affair. The music quiz was won convincingly by "Team Superbike" of Devin, Susan, Maria and Iain. Afterwards the music resumed, but for some of us who had partied late the previous evening, an early night was in order. The following day started again with a hearty breakfast and we said our goodbyes to set off home on a beautiful sunny day with blue skies.

Many thanks from both us for supporting the event and making it a success.
Jacqui & Peter

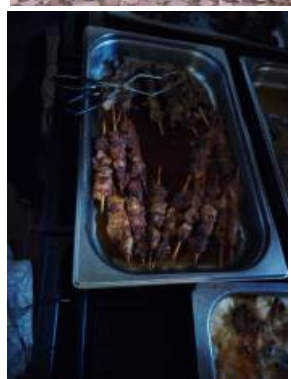


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From: Michele,
We arrived at
Nuy Valley Guest Farm
just after 2 on a
COLD but sunny
day.



A few of our members had already arrived and we enjoyed a warming welcome sherry or two with them before collecting our welcome pack and heading to our stay for the weekend. Accommodation was scattered throughout the venue surrounded by beautiful mountains, vineyards and gardens with a variety of clean and neat rooms furnished with comfortable beds, a bathroom with either a shower or bath and a tea /coffee station. Sharing with Rob and Isabella we were accommodated in the Private House, a huge old double story farm house which included a double sided fire place with a lot of wood just waiting to be burnt and provide some warmth. Feeling rather posh in "The upper Nuy" we settled ourselves in and enjoyed a drink or two before joining the other clubbies at 6pm when the bar opened. On arrival we were surprised by a bottle of red and white wine sponsored by the club on the table. (Thank you Odysseus) The dinner was worth minimal eating during the day as the Bread table and Buffet with chicken pie, beef stew on rice, veg and salad was absolutely delicious and was a true reflection of a South African Farm Style winter meal. Dinner over, the music was turned up and Our Die Hard clan then partied on well beyond midnight with a few showing their battle scars the following morning at breakfast. Gavin and Freda were lucky to survive a bad fall on the way to their room, the dark unlit and slippery garden area had them meeting mother earth and remaining there for about an hour and a half. With no cell phone reception, they remained stranded in the cold and damp until Peter H heard their calls and alerted the rescue party. Now fondly nicknamed The Muddy Princess and Tumble weed xxx.

After a great buffet Breakfast, we were off on the 89 2 km Chaos run taking us through Worcester and the beautiful Hex river with its snow-capped mountains. On reaching the compulsory stopping point with a 10-minute break in De Doorns the cars odometer had gained about .8 of a km making answering the questions at the given kms a shot in the dark, Whats on the right?...Is it a farms name? Is it the schools name? By now our only chance was to find a bribeable Marshall (it is South Africa after all) only to find we had run out of luck as Iain and Errol did not fall for any offers made or perhaps as they had taken the short cut to Marshall, they had no answers. The R60 a road which I have never travelled, led us back to Nuy on the Hill our finale destination to hand in the answer sheet, chat and laugh about the run and enjoy an optional lunch and drinks {on our own account). Takeaway pizza in hand for an afternoon snack we returned to the "upper Nuy" for some rest and recuperation with a huge fire and a few glasses of wine. Late afternoon called for a stroll through the Gardens where we found those who had not hibernated for the afternoon gathered on the balcony in front of Peter and Jacqui Room. We joined them for a nice chinwag until the group made their way to the Bar and Barbeque Buffet After another feast fit for a king there was a light hearted quiz and prize giving. Anette and Rodney won the Chaos run and team Devin, Sue, Maria and Iain the winners of the NOT so Light hearted quiz . Sunday arrived all too soon and saw the same great buffet breakfast which called the ending of another Great Brass. Many thanks Jacqui and Peter for all the planning and organising of our 2025 Brass Monkey and to all of the group that made the weekend an unforgettable time away.

We probably speak for all who attended when we say
WE HAD A BALL!!





From: Rodd & Lizl,

Hi All, We set out early on Friday morning with a planned road trip to Montagu, before heading to the Nuy Valley Guest House.

Plenty of shopping done and sights seen, we arrived at the Guest House just after 2. We were welcomed by Peter & Jacqui and a rather welcome old brown sherry.

The rest of the club started arriving and after settling into rooms we gathered in the courtyard for some drinks and conversation.

The dining room was cozy with a huge fire to warm us all. The food was fantastic, we all ate, drank and danced the night away. After chuck-out time a couple of die-hards continued the party and looked very tender at breakfast the next morning.

After breakfast we gathered for the Chaos run.

Some teamed up with other couples and some couples went solo. We left at 2-minute intervals.

The route was gorgeous and took us to parts we hadn't been to or hadn't seen in a while.

Lunch at Nuy on the Hill was great. Not many were up for a big meal and it was mostly starters or sweets all round.

The dinner braai was again a big deal, with huge amounts of food on offer and great variety.

Good food and good company made for a super evening.

The quiz was so much fun and had many of us laughing at our own silly answers.

Sunday morning arrived all too soon and most of us were up quite early for breakfast. After eating it was pack-up and go after saying a quick goodbye to all.

We were happy for the feedback on WhatsApp, confirming that all arrived at their homes safely and had a good weekend.

A huge thank you to Peter and Jacqui for the tremendous effort you guys put in to make this a memorable weekend. We probably speak for all who attended when we say WE HAD A BALL!!



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From: Freda & Gavin:

Friday was a beautiful day. Gavin & I were very excited and looked forward to the drive and the weekend @ NuyValley! We arrived @ 14.00h nice and early and the OB's welcomed us. Our wine order, that Peter organized, was also waiting for us in our room. We swapped rooms but were told by the Hostess, that meant, we had to walk round the outside of the Manor house and it is very dark. No problem said the Dodd's!

Off we went to the balcony where the weekenders accumulated. Nuy Valley wine is really, really good, by the time we went for supper, I could feel Bacchus was with me. By now, I needed some substance, as the rusk and coffee from the morning, was letting me down. As there was complimentary wine on the table, I enjoyed it! The supper was a beautiful spread but I still don't know if I had the garlic potatoes! I don't know who took the initiative to leave, before the desert was served, and everyone still kuiering, me or Gavin. Very brave, I had a little torch as big as my pinkie and would lead the way! Dark it was but we did not anticipate the unevenness of the path and slabs! Suddenly I lost my balance and slipped in the mud. Luckily, Gavin was there and could come to my rescue! Unfortunately, moi, being deadweight, he couldn't pull me up and I pulled him down! Now I was laughing as that was very funny, the two of us lying in the bushes! Gavin with his sore knees couldn't get up on his knees to get up. Me, no way that I could lift myself off the ground with nothing to hold on! But I was still laughing as I thought that it was very funny! Gavin was sliding in his bum to get to a tree to try and pull himself up but to no avail! In the meantime I was getting wet as the water was spraying from a pipe outside the bathroom by the drain, hence the mud! After, must have been an hour, I started calling for help. I phoned a few members but of course, if you are having fun you don't worry about your phone! After calling out for another hour, (Michelle thought the calling was an owl!) eventually someone was in the bathroom where I was lying, outside. I called for help, and there, arrived, our rescuer! In no time Peter H rounded up some strong men to lift Gavin & I to our feet! If it wasn't for him, Peter, we would have been stiffs in the morning as it was 4 degrees during the night and very wet from the deluge! Saturday morning, another beautiful day and we went with Tikie & Delva on the chaos run as Gavin said with his aches and pains, he didn't want to cause chaos! The rest of the day was very pleasant and so was the evening. No further "incidents" as we found a much shorter and easier way to our room! Yours Truly, The Mud Princess and her Tumble Weed!



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Very Friendly and helpful staff



From: Iain Fergusson:

Day 1: Departure and the Scenic Route to Nu

I left Cape Town late Friday afternoon hoping to avoid traffic but didn't. With my suitcase packed lightly (the essentials: warm clothes, camera, notebook, and a bottle of whiskey —just in case), I took the N1 out of the city, cutting off at Rawsonville to follow the R43 through the Breede River Valley. The drive through the Du Toitskloof Pass was absolutely breathtaking. Clouds hugged the mountains at the top, and the light broke through in golden beams. I stopped briefly at a viewpoint above the tunnel to stretch and take in the panorama of vineyards, still green and glowing even in mid-winter. I arrived at Nuy Wine Farm just after 1630 pm., and the entrance alone felt like stepping into a postcard— wide open skies, vineyard rows leading off into the mountains, and the distant hum of farm life all around.

Stay: Nuy Valley Guesthouse on the Wine Farm

We stayed at the Nuy Valley Guesthouse, just adjacent to the winery itself. Rustic, warm, and peaceful - it's not a luxury stay, but the comfort and charm more than made up for it. My room had a view overlooking the vines, and in the quiet hours of the night, I could hear nothing but crickets and the occasional hoot of an owl. Everyone had their own rooms so the gathering space was the Guesthouse Dining Room... They had a fireplace in the dining area, where we spent both evenings eating and dancing to the tunes from the collections of Peter C and Devin, with the Odysseus folks drinking and eating great wine and food.. was great fun and we all got to bed rather late on both nights.

Day 2: Chaos Run, Quiz and Food & Wine.

We all started Saturday slow, with coffee on the terrace and a wonderful breakfast. Around 0930 am, Jacqui gave a briefing on the Chaos Run and route. It was great fun, with the participants having been give a route to ride/ drive and identify prominent features along the way as well as maintaining a designated speed. Points were deducted for mis-identified objects and speed errors. Easy, one would say, but, some participants couldn't identify fruit from grapes, and one garage from the other, but everyone did surprisingly well considering the festivities of the previous evening.

The Run ended at the Nuy on the Hill, the estate's restaurant and tasting room. The view from the restaurant is absolutely unmatched—rolling vineyards, Karoo landscapes, and the Langeberg Mountains standing like silent sentinels in the distance. Very happy Chaos Run competing team members enjoyed a wonderful lunch and some tasted a lot of wines. The Nuy wines are a standout. Their Legacy Red Blend is smooth and peppery, while the Chenin Blanc surprised me with crisp acidity and a touch of stone fruit. I bought two bottles to take home.. For lunch, I had their gourmet burger and fries, paired with a glass of Pinotage. Service was friendly, laid-back, and genuinely welcoming. No rush. Just how it should be on a wine farm. That afternoon, after lunch, back to Guesthouse, some went for an afternoon nap, others, got a second wind and started drinking and socialising on the veranda, very stunning and a wonderful time together as a club. That evening, in the dining room, with its beautiful fireplace, we all gathered for dinner, a braai, the Quiz Evening and prize giving. The braai dinner was excellent and very festive, as the hangovers and tiredness left most of us via the medicinal wonders of booze.. The Quiz was beautifully presented and arranged by Peter and Jacqui. A team called the "Superbikes", won, defeating all comers with their superior knowledge, skill and cunning. Another festive evening, with all the usual suspects staying until the last, great fun.. **Day 3: Slow Ride Home Sunday** morning was colder, and fog hung low over the vines. We packed up, took one last look around the estate, and then hit the road back toward Cape Town by mid-morning. So, a huge THANK YOU to Peter and Jacqui for arranging a brilliant Brass. All the Odysseus people who made the effort to attend it was awesome, thank you all Back in the city by 12p.m., tired, and fully recharged.



From: Devin & Susan,

Our annual Brass Monkey certainly did not disappoint. I am sure all who attended had a wonderful time - I know we did. From what initially was predicted to be cold and wet, it turned into a glorious weekend and I don't think we could have asked for better weather.

It was cold for sure, but sunny and warm(ish) during the days. The evenings however were somewhere between 4 and 6 degrees I think. Well, it's not called the Brass Monkey for nothing... and it was also good having the Young's at the Brass. And as is Rob's way, he got right back into it giving me uphill - this time about our table winning at the quiz on Saturday evening. Last but not least, thanks to all who attended the 2025 Brass and a big thank you to Peter & Jacqui Cowman for all your hard work setting it up and making sure everything ran smoothly. Much appreciated guys.



From: Dave & Ellanore

Bit of a walk down memory lane as I was last there as a Ulysses member, I estimate 2009; maybe someone with a better memory recall can confirm the year? Continuing down the memory lane, we got given the same room and the same neighbor's viz, Messrs. Dodd - would you believe. I do think our age reflected at this year's Brass as most notable was the absence of motorbikes, I think we all now need more packing space for our pills and luxury items. It was a fabulous weekend, thank you all for being such great company. The weather behaved and we enjoyed cold crisp nights and blue skies in the day. Not to labour the point but I once again wish to thank Peter and Jacqui for a well-organized event; and a big thank you to the staff at Nuy Lodge for taking good care of us. My drive up was uneventful and pleasant. The welcoming Sherry is always enjoyed - had to go for seconds. Whoever decided to place our dining table in front of the fireplace in the dining hall - big-up thanks! As usual I made the mistake of filling myself up on the lovely breads and spreads before the main dinner was served; I will never learn. Dinner was beef stew, chicken pie, roasted vegetables, yellow rice and beetroot; I thoroughly enjoyed the small portion that I had. Dessert was good old South African Malva pudding with custard. Music (from Peter's playlist) and dancing followed until late; needless to say, some later than others. When I saw Devin on Saturday morning, I was glad I went to bed when I did. Breakfast options were more than adequate viz. fruit salad, yoghurt, cereal, toast, scrambled eggs, bacon and wors in a tomato/onion relish. What can I say about the chaos run? Ellanore and I opted to team up with Rob and Lisl Todd, so we set off in their chariot to what we thought was going to be a flawless, prize-winning run, only to find out that all four of us were unable to see an overhead bridge - the mind boggles!! A hearty congratulations to Rodney and Annette for claiming the laurels. A restaurant that we, God willing, will be returning to is the Nuy on the Hill restaurant. We all gathered there after the Chaos Run to enjoy the view and banter about the run; this was capped with a lunch made by a Chef that really knows his game. Money well spent. Typically, the Saturday afternoon was spent lazing in whatever way and then we all gathered for sundowners on the stoep of the chalets that are "above the railway line" - Hehe. Saturday nights dinner was a lekker braai, most notable was the quality of the lamb - yum. Dessert was chocolate pudding with ice cream, which was most enjoyable. Dinner was followed by a quiz which deserves more elaboration save to say we eventually got through it, hiccups and all. It must be noted that Peter drove all the way back to Somerset West to gather something or other needed to make the quiz happen. Well done to Susan, Maria, Devin and Ian on your victory. After the quiz, prize giving and the handover of the collection monies for the Nuy Lodge staff we once again put on our dancing shoes to Devin's playlist. It was an early night for most of the ageing bikers. We had a repeat of Saturday's breakfast on offer come Sunday; we said our thanks and good-byes after breakfast and hit the road home. Ours was a lengthy meander stopping first at "Die Pampoen Stalletjie", where we purchased their enormous eggs, which I can now re... Their fruit and vegetables are in a different class. I think I have found a nice venue outside Rawsonville for a Breakfast Run. Our final stop was a pizza at the trout farm - safely home before the start of the Belgian Grand Prix - Lovely spending time with all of you and thank you, Lord.



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THE TURKANA CHALLENGE BITES!

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Having entered the Turkana Challenge the end date of 30 June was looming quickly. Three more challenges to complete, and only

four weekends in June jammed packed with Odysseus and Landrover events, left only one weekend at the end of May to complete the challenges.

Having spent the last year with my Buddy BL chasing ostriches, mountain passes, national and heritage monuments, as well as long distance rides it was inevitable that the Challenge should be completed.

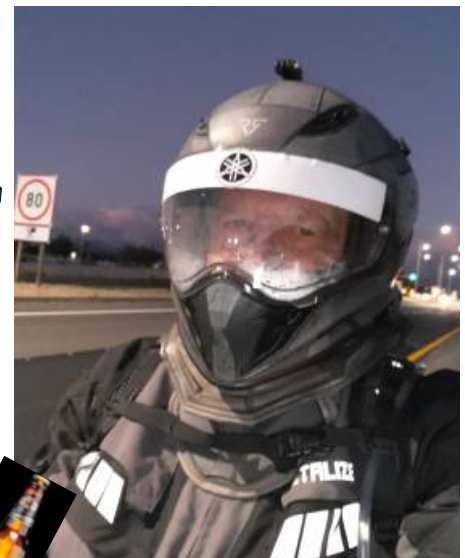
To complete I am required to photograph myself and bike on Gariep dam wall and visit four provinces. Eish 896km from Cape Town was the long haul required, and if you ride around the Gariep dam you cross through four provinces.

My Buddy was niggling that we should ride and complete the challenges with the final requirement being a braai held alongside the road.

Cape Town weather said rain for Thursday and Friday into the weekend. At 04h00 I was awakened by the quiet of no rain pelting on the porch roof, and like a trained fireman I jumped into my bike riding gear all neatly laid out in the lounge, and by 05h00 I was on the road approaching hospital bend. The northern suburbs were pissing with the rain storm so I ducked down the N2, across onto the R300, and hit the N1. No stopping for coffee the warmth of the Huguenot Tunnel was ingrained in my brain. The tunnel was a relieving welcome as I sped all alone into the brightly lit tunnel. Through the tunnel and into the 'no-rain' was what I was hoping for.

Nope.....it was raining!

I stopped in the dark at Worcester for a coffee and hit the road for De Doorns in light rain. I had heard nothing from my Buddy riding in the top box. He knew better stay quiet, stay calm, stay warm. There was a truck accident in the Hex River Pass with cars being diverted, but I sweet talked the traffic lady that I could ride through safely.



After an hour I rode into thick 'pea soup' that fog that allows you 20 meters of vision. Soon I was on the tail of a large transport truck with a Christmas tree of lights on his rear. I hooked into the alignment of his right wheels and was being dragged along at 60km/h for the next half-hour. Then the fog lifted and I headed into Tlouwerivier with everything wet and a set of musty balls. There must be someone who can invent a seal in a rain suit between the legs!

Tlouwerivier was fuel for the bike, with coffee and muffin for the rider, and oh yes, my Buddy was still sleeping.

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On the road to Laingsburg the sun decided to peak over the mountains, and the early morning turned into "Now I know why I love motor-cycling" That absolute beauty of a shiny road, hemmed in by dark blue mountains capped by thick black clouds and a letter box slit of sunshine rays peaking through. By now the heavy truckers had started hitting the road. Those who ride with me have learnt that I wave at all truck drivers that I overtake, and soon I was exercising my left arm continuously.



The next 160kms to Beaufort West is desolate, straight road riding, and soon I was weaving between the cat-eyes, balancing the bike on the yellow line, and counting the abandoned telephone poles on the side of the road.

I had given up thinking of work by now and was starting to enjoy the freedom of the open road.

My friend Iain was due to ride to Cederberg Oasis for the weekend, and I imagined him and his buddies riding their adventure bikes with heated grips and heated seats as they left Cape Town, on Thursday morning, and by now they should be around Bains Kloof Pass. Aaah, those who ride in luxury whilst I ride at 105km/h on my Yamaha Tenere 660 with the only warm thing being that single cylinder throbbing between my legs.



Beaufort West is nothing but "Truck Stop Paradise." I had no idea that there were so many different big truck manufacturers. There is certainly a high school project theme in this somewhere. I chatted with one truck driver, hanging out the cab window of his Oshkosh, 498 000km on the clock. He rides Welkom to Paarl twice a week. Think about that again; four trips in 7 days. Another driver told me his 40ft shipping container load was 'Pringles Chips' that were produced in Malaysia, according to his delivery papers.

A lamb pie, a coffee, and a bike full of petrol, and now a lot drier after standing next to the truck drivers big fire outside Beaufort West it was time to hit the road.

Next up was Three Sisters. Very soon these majestic mountains broke the horizon, and I tested my mental telepathy. Three sisters and only me and my Buddy, how are we going to handle this? And my Buddy is sleeping!



By now the ride had to be broken into 2hours or 200km and STOP! Yes, even the bum starts asking for a break. As I gazed at the Three Sisters, I realized that my Buddy should be awakened and shown the beautiful ladies. Once out the top box he popped his lid and was so excited and refreshing that even my bum was no longer numb as I mounted the Yammie and hit the road again.

Colesberg is a welcome sight in the late afternoon. What a ride, with all sorts of weather, friendly truck drivers, and my Buddy. The Yammie had purred along for 10 hours, showing me some beautiful landscapes, all bathed in different weather conditions. My B&B host was waiting for me at the old construction workers houses, and after a hot shower and warm clothes I was guided down to the only restaurant in the dorp.

A place that looks more like a Club with guys playing snooker and darts, and a dull blue smoke haze, I wondered what I was in for. The universal language of "Zamalek" soon had two Buddy's in my hands and a steak; egg and chips already being prepared in the kitchen. When you hear loud chopping noises coming from a kitchen you know it is going to be a great steak. R120 later, I had eaten the most tender steak, with the hot sauce, quaffed down with a few Zamalek's. Time to go to sleep!

I opened the doors and froze in the doorway. It was 'bliksem' cold outside. A young local was sitting in the shadows selling knitted gloves, and other stuff. It did not take me long to purchase a pair of pink 'kitten- sock- slippers'

I remember nothing until a rooster woke me at 07h00, and I realized that I had Turkana Challenges to complete. Dry riding gear, and all loaded up I ventured into the early daylight. I rode past the Club and spotted my Buddy's in a glass recycling bin.

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Onto the Gariep dam wall for that photograph with the bike thermometer reading 1C.



I thought of looking up Rina and Craig camping at "Forever Resorts" but the lady at the gate wanted me to buy a 'day pass.' Sorry next time.

I have never seen such a low temperature on a bike! Lucky, I had done some GPS loading and within two hours I had ridden through 4 provinces, and all photographs safely in my camera.

Today's challenge was to ride to Wilderness at the coast. Today was going to be all "R" roads and gravel all day. Soon the sun was up and I was bombing along narrow country roads with farm vehicles and tractors to accompany me. After a day of N1 tar yesterday it was very desirable to duck off onto a gravel road heading south-east. Like many unexplored gravel roads, you have two options; they peter out into a 'twee-spoor' or a walking track, or the big surprise is a locked gate.



Well, I had a couple of those, but hell I discovered some beautiful country side. I have never seen so many 100's of kilometres of abandoned railway track. Steynsburg was a great mid-morning breakfast stop with all homemade foods. Never miss the opportunity to stop at an A-frame signboard that states "Boeretroos hier"



Next Hofmeyer, and down to Tarkastad and on to Cradock.



Graaf Reinet was a buzz this Friday afternoon, with farmers wives and their bakkies everywhere.

My Buddy joined me here after a visit to "Tops." He told me that every Friday was like this, and some of them are

'baie pragtig!'



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By now I had to recalculate as I had done so much back tracking on gravel roads that I needed to calculate time over distance to get to Wilderness by evening. I selected a road marked N9 and had the most wonderful ride of a long time. The next 240kms to George has twelve mountain passes dropping off the Little Karoo escarpment into the Coastal Belt at Wilderness. I had fun, all downhill, all sharp and twisty, and all to myself. The between town traffic was minimal, but as you approach the smaller towns the traffic builds up significantly, especially on a Friday afternoon.



Having studied 'road-engineering' many years ago I still marvel at the huge cuttings in a mountain pass, displaying the multiple layers of beautiful different rock.

Riding a bike has a disadvantage that your camera is not always at hand to snap a great rockscape.

I hit Outeniqua pass at 6 in the evening, into the busy traffic of Oudtshoorn to George, heavy mist, and a glassy road surface.



Suffice to say that I sat at the lookout point having a long conversation with my Buddy. He was so taken aback by my road building knowledge that he decided to stay in the bin at the view point.

With my Buddy gone, my mobile phone decided to ring for the first time in three days.

Hello, Steven, here!

"Where are you, the B&B is looking for you, you are supposed to book in at 4, I have been worried about you, are you OK, is the bike OK, when are you getting to Wilderness, it is getting late, I don't want you on the road late at night?,"

I love you!"

I said nothing!

The Wilderness B&B was a warm welcome and a great place to rest after an adventurous day on the road. A quick meal, and I was lights out.

The morning started with the coffee shop next door hosting morning cyclists, and why do cyclists have to talk with loud voices? I readied and got stuck in the coffee shop. Imagine a bicycle rack loaded with expensive carbon bicycles, and bottles of Energade. Whilst alongside a dirty muddy Tenere loaded with saddle bags, and a Buddy sticking out of the top box.

Imagine further a guy dressed in boots, Teflon padded jeans, a padded jacket, and a Leatt brace, drinking coffee with MAMIL's (That's Middle Aged Men in Lycra)

Imagine a guy on a motorbike having absolute fun riding from Wilderness to Tokai for Saturday, enjoying all the beautiful scenery, the wonderful back roads of gravel and talking to farmers on the way.

Imagine a guy talking to his wife at Sunday brunch without repeating any of these written words. Priceless, Shut up Buddy it is Sunday, and this is my wife!!

MUST HAVE BEER



MOTOGP CONSTRUCTORS PUSH FOR F1 STYLE 'CONCORDE AGREEMENT'

by Motorsport.com

Manufacturers have united in a quest for a greater share of MotoGP revenues, as well as ownership of championship entries

MotoGP's manufacturers have come together with the collective aim of securing a new framework from promoter Dorna and getting a larger share of income from the championship's commercial rights. According to information obtained by Motorsport.com, the five constructors held a meeting last weekend at the Czech Grand Prix. They signed a commitment document and appointed Lin Jarvis - former Yamaha director and currently still acting as an advisor - as their spokesperson and representative.

Jarvis and Manufacturers' Association (MSMA) president Massimo Rivola then met with Dorna



CEO Carmelo Ezpeleta

to express the manufacturers' desire to revisit the distribution of the financial assets generated by the championship. This initiative was originally driven by the factories, but the satellite teams subsequently approved the move too. Motorsport.com understands that the initial reaction from Dorna's top executive was one of displeasure. The 'union' of manufacturers had anticipated such a response and now hopes for a compromise when negotiations resume, probably at the next event in Austria in August.

The manufacturers aim to establish a document similar to Formula 1's well-known Concorde Agreement, which governs the distribution of revenue from F1's commercial rights among its teams. While the exact contents of the Concorde Agreement remain confidential, it is known that the contract bases the amount distributed on the end-of-season standings. For example, finishing fourth instead of fifth can mean a difference of more than €10 million. In addition, participants receive around 50% of the profits, although this percentage can vary depending on total revenue. The current agreement expires in 2025, but the next one - covering another five-year period starting in 2026 - has already been signed by all relevant parties. The original Concorde Agreement, established in 1981, notoriously caused a much fiercer standoff in the F1 paddock than that anticipated in MotoGP. At that time, the goal was to end the open conflict between the Federation Internationale du Sport Automobile (FISA) and the Formula One Constructors' Association (FOCA). The rise of ringmaster Bernie Ecclestone led to a renewal of the agreement in 1987, following the creation of Formula One Management (FOM).



Bernie Ecclestone, Brabham Team Owner talks with Jean-Marie Balestre, President of FISA

In MotoGP, the constructors are looking to open a dialogue to improve two key aspects they consider vital for the growth that Dorna is asking of them. The first, logically, revolves around the money they receive from the rights holder. Currently, only satellite teams receive a fixed amount of €2.5 million per bike they lease (€5 million total). The second point involves ownership of the grid slots that allow teams to compete in the world championship. Until now, these slots have been owned by Dorna, which grants them to teams for a period - most recently five years that expire at the end of 2026. The teams are seeking to gain legal ownership of these slots, or at least to secure guarantees that would allow them to make decisions without depending entirely on Dorna's discretion. This move from the manufacturers comes shortly after the acquisition of Dorna by Liberty Media, which also owns the commercial rights to F1. The deal was valued at €4.3 billion, with the purchase contract specifying that Ezpeleta would remain as CEO. Many in the paddock believe there is no clear connection between the championship's total revenue and the amounts received by the teams. Since Liberty's intent to acquire MotoGP became public, interest from investment funds in purchasing independent teams has surged. However, Dorna currently values each team at around €20 million - an difficult amount to justify when the promoter remains the legal owner of the grid slots.

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